GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP,YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF ARCHERY
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP,YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the promotion of archery in the country including Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof including funds allocated/spent and the number of beneficiaries, Scheme and State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the Centres of Excellence for training and support of archery sportspersons; and

(d) whether the Government intends to open a Centre of Excellence for the sports in Sikkim and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (c) Madam, 'Sports' is a state subject. The primary responsibility for development and promotion of a sport discipline including archery rests with the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF) and the State Governments. Government of India supplements the efforts of the NSFs by providing financial assistance for various activities such as holding coaching camps for national level sportspersons, holding of zonal and national championships for sub-junior and senior categories, organizing International tournaments abroad, procurement of sports and sports science equipment and consumables, engagement of foreign coaches/experts to train the athletes, etc. as per agreed Long Term Development Plans. Rs. 1749.84 lakhs was spent on archery from the Central Government budget during the last three years, i.e., from 2011-12 to 2013-14.

Further, identification and nurturing of the identified talent from various disciplines including archery is done under the following schemes of the Sports Authority of India (SAI):

National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme

Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC) Scheme

SAI Training Center (STC) Scheme

Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme

Centre of Excellence (CoE) Scheme

Under these schemes, assistance is provided to the trainees for boarding, lodging,

equipment, sports kit, stipend, competition exposure, etc.

(d) At present there is no proposal to open a centre of excellence in the discipline of Archery in Sikkim.